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COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The airborne export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments individually valued $100-$499 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments to Canada and a 50 percent sample of such shipments to other countries. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. Over two-thirds of the value totals of $20,000 or more shown in the airborne export table are subject to a sampling variability of less than 5 percent. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 2%
$20,000-$500,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Less than 10%. Over 90% of the value totals have less than 5%
$20,000-$500,000, Total and North America	Less than 20%. About 80% of the value totals have less than 15%
Under $20,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Generally $1000 to $2000
Under $20,000, Total and North America	Generally $3000 to $6000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]217,225	.....	64,768	39,941	46,318	8,382	1,843	2,713	[2]1,487,544	.....	196,512	118,597	461,288	60,646	14,346	14,234
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]77,810	28,521	6,903	14,011	3,838	570	888	.....	[2]496,035	78,488	32,093	113,119	24,473	2,672	3,714
Massachusetts.....	2,278	1,273	660	15	1,155	20	5	45	12,715	6,864	2,243	47	9,564	236	70	133
Rochester.....	32	31	23	1	1	...	...	...	568	567	549	1	4	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	465	431	389	2	1	1	...	...	1,438	1,397	1,347	11	5	1	...	...
New York.....	72,174	24,353	11,294	5,064	39,721	3,964	570	2,213	557,612	151,633	68,126	34,569	396,393	26,870	6,200	11,442
Philadelphia.....	376	207	38	10	167	126	3	3	2,441	1,636	286	10	1,059	1,021	15	19
Maryland.....	253	195	25	8	132	33	2	6	518	253	71	14	320	43	10	28
Virginia.....	275	70	(*)	1	177	35	61	...	135	32	2	1	58	46	29	...
Florida.....	73,760	22,984	32,738	33,847	30	13	4	27	141,126	44,699	55,794	79,045	231	110	26	95
New Orleans.....	4,457	981	3,301	374	76	15	83	4	9,234	2,556	7,258	1,185	34	16	26	8
Galveston.....	3,686	2,292	2,092	223	457	349	7	212	13,184	7,055	6,178	1,123	2,868	961	105	1,447
Laredo.....	1,857	992	1,603	39	1	7	(*)	61	5,704	3,287	5,209	279	2	11	8	49
Los Angeles.....	3,583	1,413	783	157	1,251	734	192	34	42,213	10,000	3,268	1,023	29,010	6,269	1,536	335
San Francisco.....	4,476	2,062	95	94	480	2,368	825	10	35,926	11,934	625	779	6,834	20,453	6,007	73
Washington.....	1,993	1,505	1,214	6	187	171	1	2	7,356	4,443	4,587	14	128	2,046	2	2
Alaska.....	207	181	28	(*)	21	122	(*)	...	971	820	90	1	142	676	1	...
Hawaii.....	365	205	34	...	46	92	73	(*)	808	441	68	...	119	343	193	4
Montana and Idaho.....	255	249	205	...	...	...	...	...	1,548	1,518	1,456	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	664	616	472	...	...	...	...	...	1,896	1,862	1,644	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	121	116	100	1	...	...	...	...	407	402	376	1	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	1,006	607	402	(*)	428	48	1	7	2,311	1,385	327	1	1,686	155	7	27
Chicago.....	8,585	1,869	4,873	8	1,877	216	16	83	43,877	9,248	27,821	38	11,749	1,319	101	519
Ohio.....	2,475	17	1,777	2	22	(*)	(*)	(*)	7,519	81	6,382	12	228	2	7	4
Puerto Rico.....	2,572	1,038	2,250	38	13	(*)	...	(*)	2,401	1,233	1,985	186	51	(*)	...	1
All other Customs Districts.....	660	448	372	51	76	65	(*)	5	2,055	1,597	820	258	803	68	3	47
Special Category[3].....	30,649	13,676	...	...	...	...	...	...	593,580	231,094	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	98,140	.....	35,566	6,647	48,199	7,136	175	418	716,947	.....	77,086	17,581	525,294	62,477	1,971	11,112
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	38,441	14,234	843	19,224	3,890	21	228	.....	276,001	28,979	8,648	193,099	41,731	406	3,137
Massachusetts.....	934	499	238	(*)	685	10	(*)	(*)	6,654	3,884	1,445	1	4,706	66	(*)	(*)
Rochester.....	116	116	1	...	115	...	(*)	...	387	309	52	...	274	...	2	...
Buffalo.....	137	123	131	...	6	(*)	(*)	(*)	3,241	2,813	2,747	...	268	2	3	86
New York.....	48,800	18,940	2,072	469	43,309	2,531	67	351	558,484	194,538	29,887	8,908	479,858	17,274	1,056	10,728
Philadelphia.....	145	57	1	...	100	31	...	14	2,604	2,032	109	...	2,059	42	...	19
Maryland.....	245	39	2	1	196	45	...	(*)	4,393	711	222	(*)	3,832	47	...	2
Virginia.....	87	34	(*)	7	27	53	...	...	134	80	7	61	13	17	...	...
Florida.....	23,013	7,476	16,881	5,967	28	120	17	(*)	23,617	11,953	14,281	7,894	285	267	18	1
New Orleans.....	1,114	494	1,004	1	3	106	(*)	...	996	516	617	23	27	128	1	...
Galveston.....	1,803	883	1,695	16	49	40	(*)	3	2,172	817	940	148	566	93	1	90
Laredo.....	2,675	1,636	2,670	5	(*)	...	(*)	...	1,488	815	1,266	6	14	...	(*)	...
Los Angeles.....	3,223	1,811	1,032	15	1,005	1,158	10	3	23,500	9,458	1,883	77	11,758	7,686	170	69
San Francisco.....	2,102	1,518	146	3	348	1,523	39	44	14,968	8,462	408	23	3,129	9,647	417	59
Washington.....	1,422	935	118	(*)	45	1,242	16	...	27,532	23,232	2,867	3	202	23,670	1	...
Alaska.....	144	133	32	...	3	109	...	(*)	2,242	2,157	56	...	18	2,128	...	2
Hawaii.....	169	77	27	...	21	112	9	...	1,695	638	28	...	46	955	245	...
Montana and Idaho.....	24	24	23	...	1	(*)	...	...	360	339	327	...	13	1	...	...
Dakota.....	4	1	3	...	(*)	...	...	...	39	17	26	...	(*)	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	38	37	36	...	2	(*)	(*)	...	287	206	194	...	24	1	1	...
Michigan.....	409	278	26	(*)	379	3	(*)	(*)	2,358	1,314	268	(*)	1,746	27	2	7
Chicago.....	2,273	975	641	(*)	1,598	32	...	1	31,585	10,294	15,797	210	14,033	337	...	28
Ohio.....	264	7	117	...	146	(*)	(*)	(*)	3,301	85	989	...	1,952	19	1	(*)
Puerto Rico.....	8,728	2,200	8,546	143	37	2	...	(*)	3,308	1,074	2,507	215	142	31	...	(*)
All other Customs Districts.....	270	149	122	19	94	18	18	(*)	1,602	258	162	11	329	40	52	19

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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